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Respectfully submitted,

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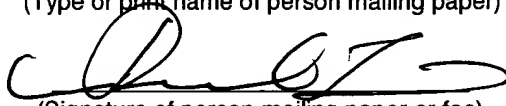
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Amendment

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Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action mailed 4 April 2005 in connection with above-captioned patent application, setting a due date of 4 July 2005. Accordingly, no time extension is needed.

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. 112 first paragraph because the Examiner believes the specification fails to disclose or explain how and why the first current driver identity matching is linked with the second current driver identity as cited in claims 1, 4 and 5.

The meaning and preferred implementations of the 'first current driver identity' found in the claims is described in among other places a paragraph in the Summary of the Invention.

For a multi-driver vehicle, an identification system in the vehicle first uniquely identifies the driver entering the vehicle. The identification process may be accomplished by a number of ways including a His/Her switch located inside the vehicle,

a remote-controlled transmission, or even a key insertion. Once the driver is identified, his favorite-station preferences previously stored in the radio memory will be accessed and become associated with the several mechanical buttons.

The preferences of the 'first current driver' are then stored and subsequently re-accessed and used when the 'second current driver' is identified to be the same as that of the 'first current driver'. The same paragraph of the Summary of the Invention further discloses:

Each driver in this multi-driver vehicle may have a set of favorite-station preferences stored in the radio memory different from that of another, but each set may become associated with the same several mechanical buttons once the 'owner' of that set is identified to have entered the vehicle.

Advantageously, the present invention reduces confusion and adds comfort to the drivers of the same vehicle in that a driver's favorite-radio-station preferences are automatically made available for selection when that particular driver turns on the radio. It is as if this driver is the only driver of the vehicle.

Also, in the Description of the Preferred Embodiments page 8 starting with line 4, the subsequent identification of the same previous driver is disclosed:

Subsequently, to select and tune to the previously-saved radio station B, the driver A after having been identified by the identification system 105, will actuate the preference means 126 (e.g., depressing briefly the mechanical push button C). The control electronics 120 will then retrieve from memory 112 the radio station frequency B that is linked to the matching current driver identity and the mechanical push button C and will then proceed to tune to the radio station frequency B.

Any typical pointer reference and byte comparison operations by the system micro-controller can easily accomplish the tasks of what has been described. Those of ordinary skill in the art would readily be able to implement

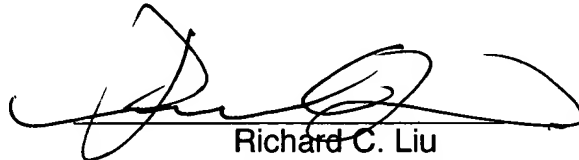
the necessary micro-controller structure and logic to achieve the functions described (1st paragraph of the Description of the Preferred Embodiments).

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicants hereby respectfully enclose with this amendment a list of pending claims and request that the Examiner allow the case be passed to issue.

If the Examiner finds differences that can be resolved by telephone interview, Applicants respectfully request leave for such interview by telephoning the undersigned collect at (408) 974-1798.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: June 14, 2005

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